

Monday: 12 04 217

James 1:21

Reflection: In the book of James we are reminded of the importance of accepting the Word of God. Not just acknowledging it. But giving it importance and purpose in our day to day life.

Application: As we journey through life we are confronted with many challenges and questions. Some of these come from those trapped in the world. While some of these challenges and questions are created by our inner struggle to come to terms with what God's Word is teaching us. Things that may conflict with our personal desires and dreams of what we want out of life.

Challenge: Take time to think on and ponder the sermon lesson you heard yesterday.

Tuesday: 13 04 21

Matthew 5:8

Reflection: The verse tells us that the pure of heart will see God. That in some way the condition of our heart will give us the ability to see God in our lives or to hinder our perception of His presence.

Application: How often have we heard the saying that 'seeing is believing'? Yet with faith we are told that believing without seeing is more important. In John 20:29 Jesus speaks of those who have not seen him or the miracles he had performed. And yet were counted as blessed by their faith and not by their sight.

Challenge: Seeing is believing. And yet believing can open our eyes to see God.

Wednesday: 14 04 21

Romans 5:12-21

Reflection: By one obedience we are accounted as made righteous. That is through the blood shed on the cross by our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ we are forever reconciled with God our Creator.

Application: There is a local Minister who claims to be a Christian. Yet he blatantly stood before his congregation one Sunday and proclaimed that the death of Jesus on the Cross had nothing to do with Salvation. Sadly his blasphemy sadly didn't stop there. Though making such a claim that Jesus dying on the cross is meaningless is perhaps the grossest of lies and sins. He apparently rejects John 3:14.

Challenge: Don't be fooled by Post Christian lies and slander. Salvation is only by and through Jesus.

Thursday: 15 04 21

John 3:7

Reflection: In the middle of the night, Nicodemus a man of some power and yet some discretion, talks with Jesus. His name is . He wants to know the inside secret to entering Heaven. He was seeking a deeper knowledge and understanding, yet he had approached both the question and the answer through a very physical comprehension.

Application: We live in a very physical world. I can attest to this when I discovered just how real gravity is when I fell over and broke my ankle. It was a painful reminder of my body. Not my spirit.

Challenge: Can we keep watch on both our body and our spirit each day?

Friday: 16 04 21

Habakkuk 2:4

Reflection: The comparison between the proud and the righteous is expressed many times in both the Old and New Testaments. The proud being described as crooked and the righteous being straight and upright.

Application: There's an easy way of looking at this. Ask a group of people to draw a crooked line and a straight line on the same piece of paper. The results will reflect the moral lessons of the Bible. There are many ways to draw a crooked line. Yet only one way to draw a straight line

Challenge: Each day, seek the straight path of righteousness as you follow the way of the Cross.

Saturday: 17 04 21

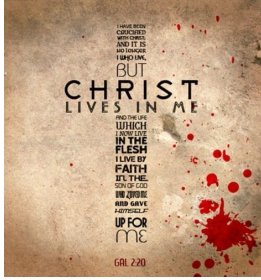
2 Timothy 3:25-17

Reflection: We are instructed that the Holy Scripture will make us 'wise' for salvation and through faith. There are two parts in this. The first is that scripture will give us wisdom as to our salvation. The second is that wisdom hinges on our active and not passive faith.

Application: We can find the balance of spiritual duality in these verses. We may have all the memorised Bible verses committed to heart. Yet if they are not held fast by an active and living faith, they will be meaningless.

Challenge: Like a good recipe. Take a measure of Holy Scripture and activate with a living faith.

To Live is Jesus



My life should be a harmony.
Of the love of my precious Lord.
To portray his tender kindness.
Will be my hearts sweetest reward.

The seasons proclaim his virtues.
Through the twilight of the still night.
And the daylights profound praises.
I'll join them with praise that takes flight.

To live each day within his Grace.
Is a blessing beyond life's thrills.
To seek out His Holy favour.
With a pure love that faith distils.

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Six days to Sunday



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of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*